(c) the details of the projects cleared by the Union Government, project-wise; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared and the reasons for delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) No such projects have been received by the Union Government either from National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation or from National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation.

Envelopes Containing Rakhi

5364. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in "Navbharat Times" dated August 17, 1996 captioned "Rakhi Ke Lifafon Se Rupaye Nikalte Dak Karamchari Pakda Gaya";

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government, under Indian Postal Service Act, against those employees; and

(c) the effective steps proposed to be taken for recurrence of such violation of Act in future ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. This news-item in "Navbharat Times" has received the attention of the Government.

(b) The official found responsible for the lapse has been suspended on 15th August, 1996 upon finalization of police case, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

(c) Following preventive/remedial measures have been prescribed/introduced by the Department :—

(a) Formation of special checking squads to make surprise visits to check irregularities and lapses in supervision over mail while in transit.

(b) Delivery staff has been cautioned to guard against any kind of loss of mail.

(c) Delivery of mail is being monitored.

(d) Immediate enquiries are conducted in such cases and suitable disciplinary action is taken under relevant rules.

(e) Suspected staff are relocated to some other POs/ Units.

(f) The matter is also reported to police/CBI for further investigation.

Doordarshan All Channels Programmes

5365. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the programme of Doordarshan to attract more viewers;

(b) whether any steps have also been taken to telecast Doordarshan's programmes of all channels throughout the country particularly in West Bengal and Gujarat;

(c) whether representations have been received from these States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to bring about qualitative improvement in its programmes with a view to sustain the interest of its viewers and to increase viewership of its programmes.

(b) Whereas all the channels of Doordarshan can be viewed in any part of the country, including the States of West Bengal and Gujarat, via satellite by using appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrially, the various Doordarshan Channel Programmes are being telecast by 819 TV transmitters of varying powers set up in different parts of the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) With a view to further augment TV service in the States of West Bengal and Gujarat, in addition to the existing transmitters in these States, TV transmitters of varying powers numbering 13 and 28 are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the States of West Bengal and Gujarat, respectively.

[Translation]

Unemployed Persons

5366. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2642 on March 31st, 1995 regarding unemployed persons in Gujarat:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and